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Your 1165. Department approves interrogation project. Experience 1953 investigation same area demonstrated Japanese local witnesses should be interrogated by local Japanese police and maritime agency officers operating under clear orders their national and regional superiors and guidance US investigating team. Orders should provide every single local Japanese witness any portion B-29 flight before, during and following incident be interviewed and exhaustive detailed affidavit taken as Han statement. Team should reject acceptance merely existing Japanese police reports from police observers or volunteers. Persons interviewed should include every fisherman in area during time and every person physically situated on or near Nemuro Peninsula from first local appearance B-29 to bail out and crash, covering also systematic search on mainland, islands and surrounding waters for debris, MIG shell casings and clips and other evidences shooting or fighting. Competent local and other Japanese observers should provide affidavits re wind and weather conditions time incident or closest and scientific evidence eddies and currents possibly affecting drift objects found in or near water. Each witness statement should be accompanied map signed by witness placing positions observation with angle, flight track, altitude, etc. Desirable as 1953 include team experienced Army

Map

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Map engineers this purpose and promise Japanese concealment identities local fishermen witnesses where requested account fear of Soviet reprisals.

Investigation should cover also all US observers and other witnesses. All original radar records early warning stations and each control center covering Soviet and B-29 tracks from origination flights to termination incident, mapping targets, briefing records, and radio calls monitored etc. should be impounded and affidavits obtained each observing radar and radio scanner, logger, plotter, listener and controller, ground and air, covering entire observation and certifying entries attached photostatic copies records. Each surviving crew member and briefer should make independent comprehensive affidavit covering narrative entire flight and course flown beginning briefing ending rescue and injuries. Briefing including instructions re firing, respect MacArthur Line, mission purposes, <sup>predicted</sup> weather. All available US records <sup>actual</sup> weather particularly winds and visibility in area should be transmitted by covering affidavits including reports received closest Soviet weather stations. Rules legal evidence observed, and affidavits so exhaustive as equivalent scope fullest direct and cross examination, security classifications as required, documents forwarded Department soonest.

Department realizes <sup>magnitude</sup> this project and appreciates FEAF cooperation this regard. Only through accumulation this material can proper formal diplomatic claim and case for possible presentation ICJ be prepared. Department aware sensitivity some of information requested and will take every precaution limit availability within Department on need to know basis only.

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FEAF has been instructed by Headquarters Air Force extend all cooperation to Embassy in this regard. Embassy requested keep Department informed progress this project.

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